

WINSLOW RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTHFOR THE YEAR 1950.

September, 1951.

To the Chairman & Councillors of
Winslow Rural District Council.



Mr. Chairman, Lady & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the annual report on the health and vital statistics for the year 1950. Incorporated in the report is that of the Chief Sanitary Inspector, Mr. Piper, from which it is pleasing to note there have been further connections to the Bucks Water Board's mains throughout the district. The Council is to be congratulated on the progress made during the year on the extensive sewerage schemes for Stewkley and Drayton Parslow. Furthermore, the North Marston sewerage scheme and the new disposal plant for Winslow were commenced, an admirable record of achievement for the future preservation of health in the area.

The incidence of infectious disease was smaller even than last year and only 13 were treated in hospital. There was no outbreak of food poisoning, nor were there any cases notified of poliomyelitis, diphtheria or enteric disease.

Hospital accommodation continues to be provided by the Oxford Regional Hospital Board, both for general and infectious diseases. The Grove Hospital, Linslade, was utilised for convalescent purposes during the year. Immunisation against whooping cough and diphtheria continues to be performed by general practitioners and officers of the Bucks County Council in clinics and schools. There has been no diminution of this valuable preventive measure reported from this district.

I am happy to record my thanks to all members of the Council and particularly the members of the Public Health Committee for their ever willing help in maintaining healthy conditions.

Commendation is due to all members of the Staff for their good work throughout the year. The co-operation of other departments due to the happy atmosphere which exists, has achieved a record year of progress.

I am, Lady & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS FOR 1950.

Medical Officer of Health	Dr. J.T.C. Sims-Roberts.
Medical Officer under Poor Law Acts	Dr. P.F. Rudd.
Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor	Mr. C.S. Piper.
Additional Sanitary Inspector (Date of Commencement - 13.2.50)	Mr. N.J. Shipp.
Public Health Clerk	Mr. D.W. French.

EXTRACT OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1950.

<u>Live Births.</u>	Total 98.	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate		35	60	95.
Illegitimate		2	1	3.
<u>Still Births.</u>	Total 2.			
Legitimate		1	1	2.
Illegitimate		-	-	-.
<u>Deaths of Infants - under 1 year.</u>	Total 1.			
Legitimate		-	1	1.
Illegitimate		-	-	-.
<u>Birth Rate</u>	per thousand	12.8.		
(Standard Birth Rate	"	14.6).		
<u>Death Rate</u>	per thousand	14.2.		
(Standard Death Rate	"	10.5).		
<u>Infant Mortality Rate</u>	per thousand live births	10.2.		

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	36,260.
Population	7,672.
Number of inhabited houses at 31st December 1950 (according to Rate Book)	2,394.
Rateable Value (31st December 1950)	£28,988.
Sum represented by Penny Rate (31st March 1950)	£109. 8. 11.

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

During the year 33 cases were reported of which 13 were treated in hospital.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1950.

Scarlet Fever	16	(17)	
Pneumonia	6	(4)	Bracketted figures
Measles	8	(39)	are those for 1949.
Whooping Cough	3	(7)	

Tuberculosis (respiratory) New Cases. 7 (6).

ANALYSIS OF DEATHS.

Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	3.
" " , breast	1.
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	12.
Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	21.
Coronary Disease, Angina	8.
Hypertension with Heart Disease	3.
Other Heart Disease	21.
" Circulatory Disease	5.
Influenza	2.
Pneumonia	4.
Bronchitis	3.
Other Diseases of Resp: System	1.
Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	1.
Nephritis & Nephrosis	2.
Congenital Malformations	1.
Other Defined & Ill-defined Diseases	19.
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1.
All other Accidents	1.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES.
Hospitals.

Hospital accommodation for the district is provided by the Royal Bucks and Tindal General Hospitals, Aylesbury. Infectious disease cases are admitted to the Aylesbury Isolation Hospital.

These three hospitals are administered by the Aylesbury and District Hospital Management Committee.

Cases are admitted to the Stoke Mandeville Hospital or the Radcliffe Infirmary, Oxford, if bed space is unavailable.

Similarly, infectious disease cases are admitted to Infectious Disease Hospitals within the Oxford Region when there is no accommodation locally.

Pathological Specimens.

The majority of specimens for examination are submitted to the Pathology Laboratory, Stoke Mandeville Hospital. The services of the Public Health Laboratories at Luton and Oxford are utilised whenever necessary.

Ambulance Services.

The ambulance services in the area are the responsibility of the Bucks County Council. Five ambulances are stationed in the Borough of Aylesbury for the use of the town and surrounding district. Included in this number is a sitting-case ambulance and a vehicle garaged at the Isolation Hospital for transporting Infectious Disease cases.

Maternity & Child Welfare.

This service is controlled by the Bucks County Council. Infant Welfare Clinics are held at Great Horwood, Stewkley and Winslow and a Mobile Welfare Centre visits Mursley, Newton Longville, Shenley and Swanbourne.

Diphtheria & Whooping Cough Immunisation.

The Bucks County Council, being the Local Health Authority, as defined by the National Health Service Act, 1946, administer this service.

Treatment of Venereal Disease.

A Venereal Disease Clinic is held regularly at the Royal Bucks Hospital, Aylesbury, where free treatment is given. This clinic is administered by the Aylesbury and District Hospital Management Committee.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948; Section 47 (1).
REMOVAL OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION.

It was not necessary to remove any case to hospital under this Act during the year.

Mr. Chairman, Madam & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my report for the year 1950.

There has been little change in either the general administration or conditions of the district during the foregoing year.

Within the next few months it is anticipated that two of the new Sewage Disposal Works will be handed over to the Council. It is hoped that the revised and expanded system of maintenance recently approved by the Council will ensure an overall improvement in this respect. The chief difficulty, however, lies in obtaining adequate staff in an area where higher wages may be commanded in local industry.

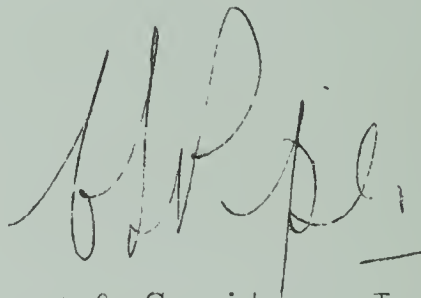
Attention is respectfully drawn to the notes appearing under "Refuse Collection and Disposal". Some further arrangements will doubtless be required within the next year or two.

May I again express my appreciation for the continued help and consideration offered by all members of the Council and their Staff.

I am,

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Surveyor & Sanitary Inspector.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The following new connections to the Bucks Water Board mains have been reported during 1950.

Drayton Parslow	7	Mursley	2
Dunton	2	Nash	4
East Claydon	1	Newton Longville	4
Granborough	3	Shenley Brook and	2
Great Horwood	5	Stewkley	9
Hogshaw	2	Swanbourne	4
Little Horwood	2	Whaddon	2
Winslow	4		

Of these, 2 properties were connected following the service of Statutory Notices.

I am indebted to the Bucks Water Board for the following information.

1. Supply throughout the area has been at all times satisfactory, both as regards quality and quantity.
2. Raw water is sampled at approximately monthly intervals. All reports have been satisfactory.
3. Samples of the water from the distributing mains serving this district are taken monthly. All have been satisfactory.
4. Chemical samples are taken quarterly at the source. All satisfactory.
5. There is no tendency to plumbo-solvency.

Particulars of water supply are shown parochially as follows:

<u>Parish.</u>	<u>No. of Dwelling Houses on Main.</u>	<u>Est. Pop.</u>	<u>No. of Stand Pipes.</u>	<u>Est. Pop.</u>
Drayton Parslow	86	320	5	18
Dunton	14	52	3	11
East Claydon	73	310	4	10
Granborough	48	215	4	12
Great Horwood	87	325	18	36
Hoggeston	14	52	2	5
Hogshaw	9	18	-	-
Little Horwood	36	143	8	22
Mursley	75	316	9	35
Nash	23	60	3	6
Newton Longville	231	510	11	32
North Marston	83	325	2	4
Shenley Brook End	34	151	2	7
Stewkley	217	631	10	40
Swanbourne	71	245	-	-
Tattenhoe	3	12	-	-
Whaddon	51	156	7	22
Winslow	390	1512	20	62

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE.

As the new Sewerage Schemes for the parishes of Stewkley, Drayton Parslow and North Marston are nearing completion, the many properties at present discharging to crude sewer ditches and similar sources of nuisance, are being picked up. This work is being very thoroughly dealt with by the Resident Engineer and a considerable improvement is already noticeable. There is no doubt that the Council's decision to provide laterals in other cases is greatly facilitating the general progress of getting all properties connected.

The only addition is the small works at Hogshaw designed to serve 4 Council houses.

MEAT & OTHER FOODS.

Routine inspections of all butchers' shops and shops selling or preparing food have been carried out. No slaughter houses operate within this area.

Unfit food condemned during the year amounted to 27 lbs., chiefly in respect of tinned foods.

FOOD POISONING.

No outbreaks have been notified during the year.

MILK & DAIRIES.

Retail Dairies are the subject of routine inspection.

Detailed investigation has been carried out following complaints of the poor keeping quality of milk. Samples were submitted for analysis from several retailers, but the results of both these and the investigations were satisfactory and it is considered that in many cases deterioration is accelerated by poor storage after delivery.

REFUSE COLLECTION & DISPOSAL.

As reported last year, this service is working at maximum capacity for the present labour and equipment and it is anticipated that before long some extension will have to be made if the existing fortnightly collections are to be maintained.

It is felt that serious consideration must shortly be given to the provision of a type of vehicle which will provide greater storage space.

Great credit must be given to the small staff of workmen who maintain this service so satisfactorily.

RURAL HOUSING SURVEY.

Percentages for the area are as follows:-

Category I.	Fit in all respects	35%
" II.	Minor repairs required	27%
" III.	Major repairs required	30%
" IV.	Suitable for reconstruction under R.W. Acts	4%
" V.	Not repairable at reasonable expense	4%

HOUSING.

Subject to the unusual circumstances due to shortage and post-war conditions, all reasonable steps have been taken to improve the general standard. In addition to improvements carried out as a result of informal action, 5 undertakings have been accepted from owners following formal action under Section 11, Housing Act, 1936, and 1 notice has been served and complied with under Section 9.

FACTORIES & WORKSHOPS.

The following inspections were carried out during the year:-

	No. on <u>Register.</u>	Number of <u>Inspections.</u>	Number of <u>Written Notices.</u>	<u>Occs. Pros.</u>
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	21	47	4	NIL.
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	7	12	1	NIL.
TOTAL	28	59	5	NIL.

Cases in which Defects were found.

<u>Particulars.</u>	<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remedied.</u>	Referred		<u>Pros.</u>
			To H.M. <u>Insp.</u>	By H.M. <u>Insp.</u>	
Want of Cleanliness	4	4	NIL.		NIL.
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	1	NIL.	NIL.		NIL.
TOTAL	5	4	NIL.		NIL.

No. of Outworkers.

Wearing Apparel (Making, etc.)	1.
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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTIONS.

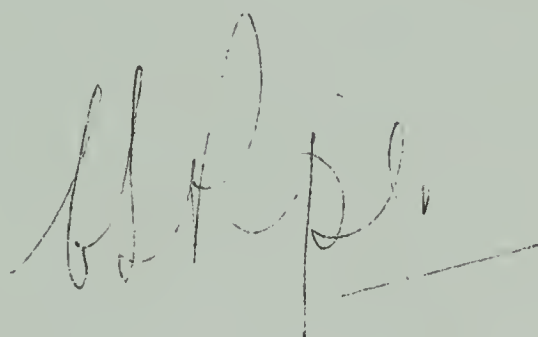
The following miscellaneous inspections were carried out in 1950.

Water Supplies.....	59.
Milk & Dairies.....	28.
Sewers & Drains.....	210.
Refuse Tips (including Salvage).....	58.
Nuisances Abated.....	42.
Inspection re Sanitary Accommodation..	29.
Bakehouses.....	12.
Housing.....	292.
W.C. Conversions.....	18.
Infectious Disease Visits.....	22.

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